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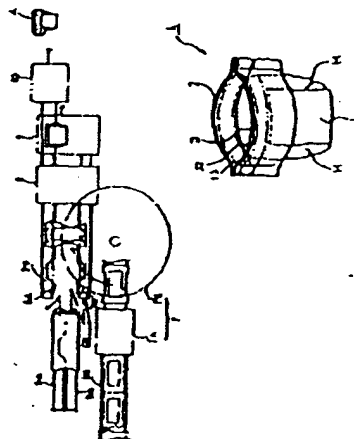
(54) MANUFACTURE OF BRIEFS TYPE DISPOSABLE
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(57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To reduce costs by enabling an automatic large-scale production method by forming a back body wrapping part and front body wrapping sections to place a diaper main body thereon orthogonally and to bond it thereto.

CONSTITUTION: Optional stock is selected for a back body wrapping section and front body wrapping sections (2 and 3) independently of diaper body 1. In other words, the diaper body 1 is relayed to a turning transfer device 7B behind a suction conveying device 7A and the diaper body 1 is turned by 90° to be supplied to a specified position between belt bodies 2a and 3a of both body wrapping sections perpendicular thereto. Then the diaper body is conveyed to a bonding means 8 to bond it integrally with the belt bodies 2a and 3a of both body wrapping sections. Thereafter, the assembly is conveyed to a folding means 9 to be folded double and side ends of the belt bodies 2a and 2b of both the body wrapping sections are cut while being bonded by a bonding/cutting means 10.



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Title of the invention **Brief-type disposable diaper production method**

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Specification

1. Title of the invention

Brief-type disposable diaper production method

2. Scope of the patent claim

A brief-type disposable diaper production method involving

a process whereby a water-absorbent material is inserted between an outer sheet and an inner sheet to form a diaper body;

a process whereby a front waistband and a continuous back waistband having an elastic member at least at the side is formed;

a process whereby the diaper body is overlapped and adhered to both waistbands in the transverse direction;

a process whereby the diaper body is folded double and both waistbands are brought into contact; and

a process whereby the contacted waistbands are cut to prescribed dimensions and the regions near the cuts are adhered to integrate the waist parts at the edge portions

to produce a brief-type disposable diaper from a diaper body and a single waistband.

3. Detailed description of the invention

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Field of industrial use

The present invention relates to a brief-type disposable diaper production method.

Prior art

Known technology relating to this type of brief-type disposable diaper production method is disclosed in Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Number S57-77304: "Diaper-brief and Production Method Therefor".

Problems to be overcome by the invention

The abovementioned technology is disadvantageous in that as there is a cut-out portion in order to form an opening for the wearer to insert his/her legs, it is necessary to add a process for forming the cut-out portion, which raises production costs.

Means of overcoming the abovementioned problem

The present invention overcomes the abovementioned problem of the prior art and allows the production of brief-type disposable diapers by an automated large-scale production method involving a process whereby a diaper body is formed; a process whereby a back waist part and front waist part are formed; a process whereby the diaper body is overlapped and adhered to both waist parts in the transverse direction; and a process whereby the diaper body is adhered and integrated.

Embodiment

The present invention is described in detail based on the embodiment shown in the following drawings.

Figures 4 through 6 show an example of a brief-type disposable diaper produced according to the present invention: 1

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represents the diaper body, formed by inserting absorbent material 13 between outer sheet (for example, a water-impermeable P.E. sheet) 11 and inner sheet (for example, water permeable nonwoven cloth) 12.

2 is the back waist part and 3 is the front waist part, and the material for both waist parts 2 and 3 may be selected independently from the material for diaper body 1, although in this embodiment, the same material is used; the double layer having P.E. sheets 21 and 31 as the outside and nonwoven cloth 22 and 32 as the inside is formed, an elastic member sheet (for example, a polyurethane sheet) 23 and 33 is inserted into part thereof, so that at least the upper edge is expandable. It should be noted that it is also possible to have a single layer elastic sheet, to form a completely expandable construction. It should be noted that as waist parts 2 and 3 are preferably of an air-permeable material, it is desirable either to take the nonwoven cloth and elastic sheet, and exclude the P.E. sheet, or, when a P.E. sheet is used, to puncture a plurality of small holes therein. It is also possible to totally or partially affix the elastic member (rubber thread, rubber tape or the like) to a sheet of suitable material, to form an elastic sheet.

Moreover, the hole parts H for the insertion of the wearer's legs are dictated by the width and shape of the diaper body 1 and the width and shape of waist parts 2 and 3, and generally, the shape is such that the holes are toward the front side.

The brief-type disposable diaper production method of the

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present invention will be described below with reference to Figures 1 through 3.

Figure a shows the diaper body 1 production process: absorbent body 13 is placed on outer sheet (back sheet) 11 supplied from outer sheet roller 11a, then inner sheet (top sheet) 12, supplied from inner sheet roller 12a, is supplied thereon, to achieve a sandwich-like insertion of absorbent body 1 between outer sheet 11 and inner sheet 12; then this is transported by the first conveyor device 4 to adhering-cutting device 15, and the circumference is firmly adhered by adhering-cutting device 15, or adhered with adhesive, then cut to the required shape. It should be noted that this process is the same as known diaper production processes, and it is possible to employ a conventional production line for disposable diapers.

It should be noted that the adhering-cutting device 15 comprises two stages: first unit 15a and second unit 15b. In first unit 15a, only adhesion and the cutting of cut-away parts P proceeds, to continuously form diaper body 1, then diaper body band 1a is transported to the next process, and may be cut crosswise to the required dimensions by second unit 15b when in the vicinity of the waistbands 2,3-adhesion process.

Moreover, as there are no cut-away parts P when diaper body 1 is long, it is also possible to achieve the aims of the present invention by only adhering in first unit 15a, then cutting in second unit 15b.

There are various possible shapes for the cut-away parts P, and the shape can be selected according to the shape of the

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waistband 2,3 and the desired shape of hole parts H.

Figure 1(b) shows a waistband 2, 3 production line: elastic member sheet 23a, supplied by elastic member sheet roller 14, is cut along a continuous S-shaped cutting line in the central portion by cutting device 24 to form a pair of bands, back waistband 2a and front waistband 3a.

It should be noted that in the case of the multilayer constructions shown in Figure 3 (outer sheet (P.E. sheet) and elastic member sheet, inner sheet (nonwoven cloth) and elastic member sheet, or outer sheet and elastic member sheet-inner sheet), if elastic member sheet 23a is a band of the same width, and only part of sheet 21a, 22a is adhered, the elastic member sheet can be used effectively without cut-away parts, and holes of the desired shape can be found by selecting a suitable shape for waist part 2,3.

Figure 1(c) integrates the diaper body 1 process of Figure 1(a) and the waistband 2a, 3a process of Figure 1(b), to show the brief-type disposable diaper-forming process: the second conveying device 5a, 5b for waistbands 2a, 3a extends to become the third conveying device 6A and the force conveying device 6B.

Diaper body supply means 7 comprises suction conveying device 7A and rotation conveying device 7B, such that suction conveying device 7A for conveying the diaper body 1 that has been cut to the required dimensions is provided at the end of the first conveying device 4, after which diaper body 1 proceeds onto rotation conveying device 7B, then rotation conveying device 7B rotates the diaper body 1 through 90°, to supply diaper body 1

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transversely to a prescribed position on waistband 2a, 3a.

It should be noted that rotation conveying device 7B receives the diaper body 1 on the conveying surface of suction conveying device 7A then supplies it by rotating 1/4 of a rotation while suction continues, then rotating the diaper body 1 that is between third conveying device 6A and fourth conveying 6B through 90°, and diaper body supply means 7 can achieve the aim by means of a suitable conveying means as follows: the adsorption surface of the diaper body is rotated through 90° according to the rotation of a suction rotation drum provided so as to be continuous with suction conveying device 7A, then the diaper body proceeds to a suction conveyor belt, whereupon it is conveyed in a transverse direction with respect to the conveying devices, thereby allowing diaper body 1 to be supplied between waistbands 2 and 3.

Diaper body 1 is then conveyed to adhesion means 8 and adhered to waistbands 2a, 3a by a suitable adhesion means such as an adhesive or heat seal.

It is then conveyed to folding means 9, and folded double by said folding means 9 to superimpose front waistband 2a and back waistband 3a.

The sides of the superimposed waistbands 2a and 2b are adhered and cut to the required shape by adhering-cutting means 10, to yield brief-type disposable diaper A.

Advantages of the invention

The present invention yields a brief-type disposable diaper by adhering and integrating a pair of waistbands and a

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diaper body and cutting to the required dimensions and so conventional diaper production lines can be used for the diaper body, the waist parts are supplied as bands and automated mass production is possible due to a belt conveying device, so the brief-type disposable diapers can be effectively produced at extremely low cost.

4. Brief description of the drawings

Figure 1 is an explanatory diagram for the brief-type disposable diaper production method of the present invention: Figure (a) shows the diaper body production process, and Figure (b) shows the waistband-integrating process.

Figure 2 is a diagram of the diaper body, and Figure 3 shows the front waist part and back waist part.

Figure 4 shows an oblique view of a brief-type disposable diaper produced according to the present invention, Figure 5 is plane view and Figure 6 is a cross-sectional view of the diaper body.

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| 1 | Diaper body |
| 2 | Back waist part |
| 3 | Front waist part |
| 7 | Diaper body supply means |
| 8 | Adhesion means |
| 9 | Folding means |
| 10 | Cutting means |

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ブリーフ状に包んでおくとする工程を示し、この工程は図3及び図4、3aの第2図に示す3a-3bを参照して第3図に示す8a及び図4に示す8bとする。

第1図に示す4の断面図に、所定寸法に切取られたおむつ本体1を製造するための電引製造装置7Aを設け、その後方の延出部製造装置7Bにおむつ本体1を供給し、延出部製造装置7Bでおむつ本体1を90度回転させて図3図4に示す2a-3aの間の所定位置に造型成型しておむつ本体1を供給して、おむつ本体製造装置7を構成する。

なお、延出部製造装置7Bは電引製造装置7Aの製造面上のおむつ本体1を受け取り、電引しつつ1/4回転して第3図に示す8aと第4図に示す8bとの間におむつ本体1を90度回転させて供給するものであるが、電引製造装置7Aに接続して電引延出ドラムを設けてドラムの周面に伸べておむつ本体の電引面を巻回させて90度回転させたのち電引ベルトに引込電引ベルトとなる製造装置と延出部間に接続しても、本発明のおむつ

（本発明の図3及び図4に示す2-3図に示す8a-8b）であり、おむつ本体製造装置7は造型の製造装置により図3を形成することができる。

次に図3を形成へ製造した後、ヒートシール、接着剤等の造型の製造装置により、本発明のおむつを何層図4に示す2a-3aと積層して一体化する。

そのうち、図3おむつ9へ製造し、図3おむつ9により二層図4に示す2aと図3おむつ9を形成2aと所定図4に示す3aとを形成させる。

電引面を付した図4に示す2a-2bの間の断面図を、図3おむつ9により形成するとともに、所定位置に切取して、ブリーフ状に包んでおむつAを完成する。

○発明の効果

本発明は、一層の図4に示す2a-2bの間の断面図と、おむつ本体とを、積層一体化し、所定寸法に切取することにより、ブリーフ状に包んでおむつを完成するものであるから、おむつ本体は従来のおむつ製造ラインを利用することができ、また図4に示す2a

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図で供給されることで、ベルト製造装置による本発明の製造方法とすることができ、さらに図3コストでブリーフ状に包んでおむつを完成させる効果を得るものである。

4. 図面の簡単な説明

第1図は本発明によるブリーフ状に包んでおむつの製造方法を示す説明図で、4図はおむつ本体の製造工程、5図は図4に示す2aの一体化工程を示しおむつAとするものである。

第2図はおむつ本体の製造図、第3図は図3に示すおむつ9及び図4に示す2aの製造図である。

第4図は本発明により製造されたブリーフ状に包んでおむつの製造図、第5図は平面図、第6図は本発明のおむつAの断面図である。

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2—図3おむつ9

3—図4おむつ9

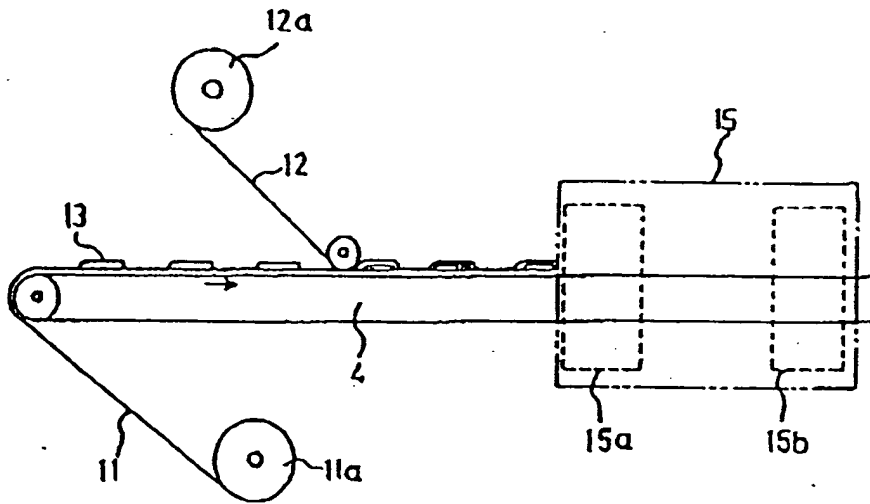
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8—図3おむつ9

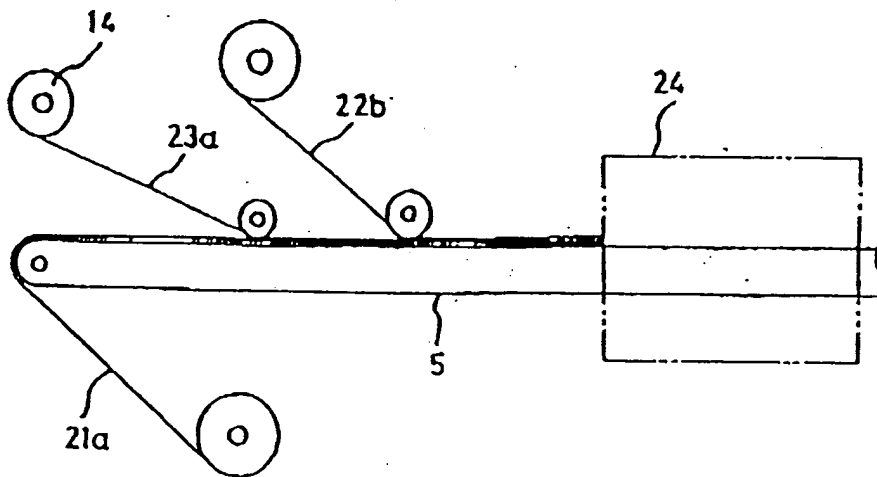
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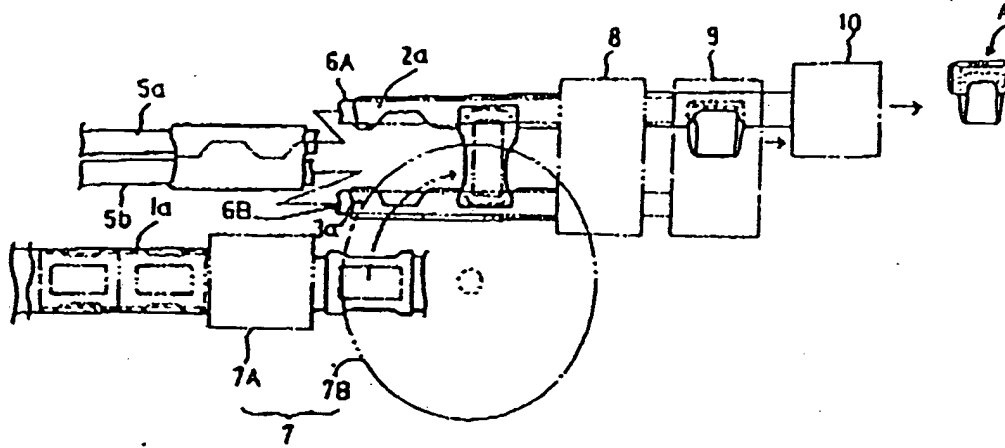


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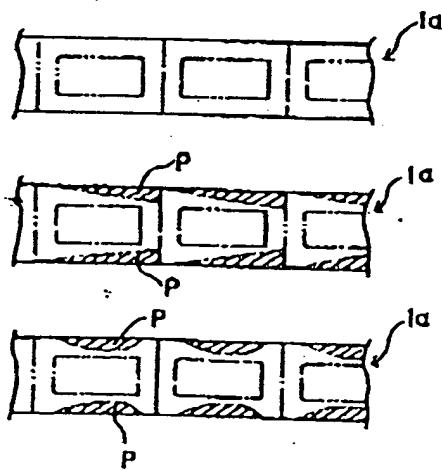


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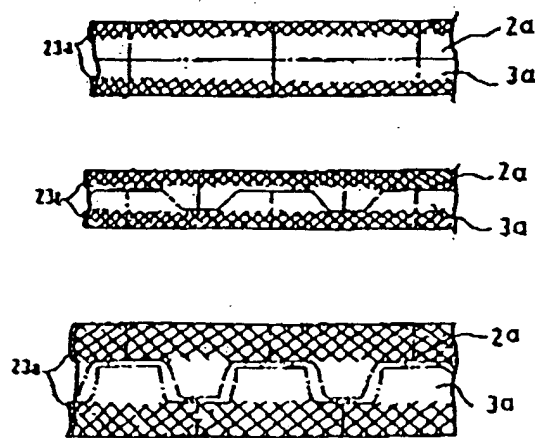
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第3図



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第4図

